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1. SUMMARY: AS MENTIONED REFTEL, SEVEN MAJOR JAPANESE PORTS (TOKYO, KAWASAKI, YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, OSAKA, KOBE AND SHIMONOSEKI) WILL CHARGE PORT ENTRY FEES, UNDER THE LEGAL PROCEDURE DESCRIBED BELOW, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1977. THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT PORT BUREAU HAS CONFIRMED THAT BOTH JAPANESE AND FOREIGN OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WILL PAY EQUAL FEES. THE PORT OF KITAKYUSHU IS ALSO EXPECTED TO FILE APPLICATION TO BEGIN CHARGING FEES SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE MOT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PORT ENTRY FEES WAS APPLIED FOR BY THE SEVEN MAJOR PORTS TO FINANCE THEIR MAJOR PROJECTS. THE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL, AN ADVISORY GROUP TO TY MOT, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 7 AND THE MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO GRANT FORMAL ACQUIESCENCE SHORTLY.

3. THE PROPOSED FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS (UNIT: PER GROSS TON):

A. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE VESSELS:

1.6 YEN DURING THE JANUARY/MARCH PERIOD, 1977; 1.8 YEN DURING THE APRIL 1977/MARCH 1978 PERIOD; AND 2.0 YEN AFTER APRIL 1978.

B. COASTAL SERVICE VESSELS:

0.8 YEN DURING THE JANUARY/MARCH PERIOD, 1976; 0.9 YEN DURING THE APRIL 1977/MARCH 1978 PERIOD; AND 1.0 YEN BEYOND APRIL 1978.

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4. TO DATE 53 OTHER JAPANESE PORTS THAVE BEEN CHARGING ENTRY FEES (AVERAGE 2.0 YEN PER GROSS TON). UP UNTIL NOW, THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY HAS SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED THEIR FURZV INTRODUCTION. THE PROCEDURE, AS OUTLINED IN THE PORT AND HARBOR LAW (LAW NO. 218 OF MAY 1950) IS AS FOLLOWS:

"ARTICLE 44-2. THE PORT MANAGEMENT BODY MAY COLLECT PORT DUES FROM SHIPS ENTERING THE PORT FOR UTILIZATION OF PORT FACILITIES; PROVIDED TQT NO PORT DUES SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM SHIPS ENGAGED IN MARITIME SAFETY AND RESCUE, RAILWAY FERRY, HYDROGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATION, FISHERY SUPERVISION AND OTHER SHIPS SPECIFIED BY GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE.

2. THE PORT MANAGEMENT BODY OF A MAJOR PORT SPECIFIED BY GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, WHEN INTENDING TO COLLECT PORT FUES UNDER THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, MUST PREPARE A TARIFF AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT IN ADVANCE. THE SAME SHALL APPLY TO THE REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

3. THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1, 3 AND 4 OF THE PRECEDING ARTICLE SHALL APPLY MUTATIS MUTANDIS TO THE PORT DUES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE PORT MANAGEMENT BODY OTHER HAN THE SPECIFIED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AND THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE PRECEDING ARTICLE SHALL APPLY MUTATIS MUTANDIS TO THE PORT DUES TO BE COLLECTED BY PORT AUTHORITY."

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